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# The Wisconsin Light

## Stockholm Conference Shows Progress Towards AIDS Cure

By Cindy Patton

Stockholm- Over 8,000 people from 140 countries gathered with the 4th International AIDS Conference held here from June 15-18. About 3,000 papers were presented in workshops and in poster sessions.

There was nothing approaching a breakthrough in treatment, although data from dozens of trials were presented, showing some promise in some patients.

"The story this year is that we've added many new small pieces of data," said James Curran from the United States Centers for Disease Control (CDC). "Scientists are making much progress in very small increments."

Further developments in describing Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) over the past year have shown that the virus may react differently in different types of cells, especially in macrophages, where the virus can apparently lie undetected in protective sacs. This means that combinations of several drugs in lower doses may be necessary to fully block virus duplication, according to Bo O'Berg of the Swedish Karolinski Institute, which collaborates with the National Cancer Institute in the U.S.

Perhaps the most optimistic report was a large-cohort study of possible neurological

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symptoms which earlier reports suggested might appear before the symptoms classically associated with AIDS and ARC.

There has been great controversy and concern about the possible emergence of cognitive problems before the appearance of other symptoms," said Ola A. Selnes, of the U.S., who presented the collaborative work conducted with 1,543 HIV antibody positive but asymptomatic gay and bisexual men.

"Our study, which draws on the largest sample to date, shows no statistically significant difference between these men and the controls over a two-year period. We didn't even find a trend in the direction of early development of cognitive problems," said Selnes.

There is also an emerging consensus that there is no relationship between knowledge of HIV antibody status and subsequent behavior change, although many policy makers in a session on "AIDS and Society" continued to propose testing programs as essential parts of the education process.

Jonathan Mann, head of the World Health Organization (WHO) AIDS Project, urged governments to focus on anti-discrimination laws and education about

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## JACKSON VOLUNTEERS DEMAND OUSTER OF POLLY WILLIAMS

By Emma Miller

By a vote of nine to seven, Gays and Lesbians were excluded from the Wisconsin delegation to the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta. Ignoring the pleas of Labor for Jackson organizer Bruce Colburn and several other Jackson delegates chosen at Congressional Caucuses, the sixteen Jackson delegates meeting at the State Democratic Convention in La Crosse completed the selection of the Jackson slate by choosing Richard Condon a Waukesha attorney over Bill Meunier the organizer of Wisconsin Gays and Lesbians for Jackson. In so doing they may have cut the lavender stripe from Jackson's Wisconsin Rainbow.

Meunier had organized Gays and Lesbians around the state into a political network that allowed the Jackson campaign to reach outside of Milwaukee and Madison and a few other bases of support making it a truly statewide effort. The Gay and Lesbian network was so successful that even CBS News did a story on it, and it was cited by the Jackson staff as a good example of what Gays and Lesbians could do for his campaign. Condon was not involved in the Jackson campaign. He was the Wisconsin chairman of the Gephardt for President campaign. Condon was promised consideration for a delegate spot if he endorsed Jackson, which he did after his candidate had dropped out of the race, about a week prior to the Wisconsin primary.

Informed sources say that at a secret meeting held in Madison on Friday June 3rd, Steve Cobble, Jackson's National Delegate Selection Co-ordinator, Co-Chairs of the Wisconsin Jackson campaign, State Representatives Polly Williams and David Clarenbach, and Williams' legislative aide, Larry Harwell met and agreed to promote a recommended slate to fill the eight at-large delegate positions. They included Condon on the slate because of the promise he was made.

The recommended slate was supposed to have included Kathleen Nichols a Madison Lesbian. Williams, however, call Genette Banks, the Second Congressional District chairperson for Jackson and urged her to replace Nichols with her own choice. Banks who Meunier called "an honest, well-meaning person who had no idea that Nichols was the only member of our community on the slate," agreed to do so since Nichols did not work in the campaign, and replaced her with Frances Cooper.

At the convention in La Crosse, when Banks realized that there were no Gay or Lesbian delegates, she attempted to remove Cooper in favor of Nichols. Rep. Williams refused to allow Nichols to be put back on the slate, even though Banks assured her that Cooper would not object to being dropped.

Meunier and others had objected to Nichols being included if there was to be only one slot for the Gay community, since she was not involved in the Lesbian and Gay campaign for Jackson, and because several Milwaukee activists felt her actions as Chair of Governor Earl's Council on Lesbian and Gay issues were objectionable, and because the Gay Network for Jackson was promised that it would be able to choose the delegate that would represent it. The major problem with Nichols was that she didn't work with the network. As one Madison Gay man put it "It's just like Kathleen to let others do the work and then take the credit."

Realizing that Nichols may be the only hope for a delegate Meunier urged that she be kept on the slate despite his anger with her. Banks herself nominated Nichols at the delegate meeting, but she lost by a wide margin.

Meunier was nominated by Karen Linero of La Crosse, who told the delegates that "There was nothing going on in La Crosse



Rev. Jesse Jackson

except for what the Gay community did for Jackson." Nancy Skanden of Sturgeon Bay also pleaded the Gay case pointing out that in many places around the state Gays and Lesbians were the campaign. But Williams insisted that not every one could be satisfied and prevailed. Many observers felt that if Meunier had been straight he would have won easily.

Those Jackson delegates who are known to have supported us included Bruce Colburn, Labor for Jackson chair, Linero, Clarenbach, Skanden, and Banks. Delegates who are believed to have opposed us include Williams, Felmers Chaney, President of the Milwaukee Chapter of the NAACP, an organization that is supposed to be working for equality, and John and Irma Becker. Cudahy. John Becker is an officer with Local P-40, the union that is striking the P-40 Cudahy plants.

The National Jackson Staff has offered to pay Meunier's expenses so that he (along with 3 others from Wisconsin Light) can represent Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian community at the convention and has offered to provide Jesse for a Gay Rights Rally to be held in Wisconsin. Meunier and other major figures on the Gay Jackson network, are satisfied that, while the national campaign can not divorce itself completely from its responsibility for what happened, it is upset with the lack of Gay delegates and is trying to make amends.

Meunier hopes that Wisconsin's activists will understand that this situation in no way reflects upon their efforts. "Everyone knows that we were the campaign in over half the state, and won quite a few of Jesse's delegates. Wisconsin's politicians know that they ignore us at their peril..." Meunier also hopes that because of the efforts of Jackson's national staff Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian will be willing to continue to support Jackson. Although he concedes that it is not likely that Gay or Lesbian support for Jackson will equal the level it achieved in 1988.

There is a feeling held by many that it may be impossible to rally the community for Jesse again given what happened. One Milwaukee activist said, "I know a lot of people who voted for Jesse because it appeared as though we were being accepted by the Rainbow Coalition, and

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## Colorful Alan Eisenberg Running for Milwaukee County Clerk

It would not be too much at all to say that Alan Eisenberg is one of the best known lawyers in Wisconsin. In fact, one person called him "The Perry Mason of the Badger State." He has been called "colorful" and "controversial" and a "fighter for the underdog." As one lawyer told Light, "Nearly everybody in the legal community knows he will go to all lengths for his clients" and these clients include poor Blacks, other minorities, and Gays and Lesbians.

Eisenberg is all that and he is a young man in his 40's, of the Norquist-Schulz type. And he is running, running hard as the ninth candidate for the office of Milwaukee County clerk, a post now held by Thomas E. Zablocki. Zablocki has been in his present position since 1969.

To spend a couple of hours with Eisenberg leaves one drained. The man is a veritable dynamo, a whirlwind of energy, entering the room in a gust. Office staffers hurry in and out. There are papers to sign. The work must go on. TV and radio stations call for comments on recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions and Eisenberg knows them by heart. From his conversation you know that on the other end of the line are familiar names, names you hear everyday. Then someone brings in a little kitten. Eisenberg, a cat fancier, pets and cuddles it — and all the while, never once loses track of the interviewers before him or the subject that interests them, his candidacy for the office of County Clerk.

Do either of the reporters before him know what the County Clerk does? Both stumble and admit they do not.

The County Clerk is one of six County Constitutional Offices. The others include Clerk of Courts, District Attorney and Sheriff.

The Clerk (Eisenberg calls the word "an antediluvian misnomer") is the chief legal record custodian and manager for County government. The purpose of the job is to monitor and record law making proceedings of County Government and all governmental business with the county. Last year alone the Clerk's office received and processed millions of dollars in bids. In addition and perhaps more familiarly, the Clerk issues marriage licenses as well as those for everything from hunting to hayride licenses. In fact, the Clerk has 30 separate and distinct duties or functions as mandated by Wisconsin law — and Eisenberg knows every single one as well



Attorney Alan Eisenberg

as what each involves.

He is quite correct when he says that "County Government cannot exist for a day without this office (County Clerk) functioning properly."

His background is impressive. He worked his way through college. At one time or another he was a singer, a factory worker, a landscaper, a stand-up comic, actor or salesman "and every kind of restaurant work you can think of." He has been a successful journalist and columnist, hosted his own radio talk shows and attended Marquette Law School earning a Doctor of Jurisprudence. Since 1966 he has been the head of a major Wisconsin law firm and in 1986 was cited as one of America's best lawyers. His current avocation is race car driving. He drives a Z-28 Camaro at the

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## Moody Drops From U.S. Senate Race

Congressman Jim Moody has dropped out of the Wisconsin U.S. Senate race to run for re-election as Wisconsin's Fifth District Congressional Representative.

After giving his word to candidates for his old seat that he wouldn't "under any circumstances," run for re-election, Moody changed his mind.

Moody was trailing badly in the contest for the Democratic U.S. Senate nomination and saw his fortunes take a turn for the worse when businessman Herb Kohl entered the race with a big media blitz.

With the exception of Charlie Dee all of the candidates for Moody's seat are remaining in the race, and Gay and Lesbian support for those candidates appears to be unshaken.

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